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OF

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

*In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-Nine.*

An Act to Incorporate the Association for the Relief of Aged Indigent Females.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same, as follows :  
Moses Grant, Charles F. Barnard and Lewis E. Caswell, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Association for the Relief of Aged Indigent Females, for the purpose of providing for the support of aged indigent females not otherwise provided for, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, liabilities and restrictions set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes, and for the purposes aforesaid ; may take and hold real estate to an amount not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, and personal property to an amount not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars.

House of Representatives, April 28, 1849.

Passed to be enacted.

FRANCIS B. CROWNINSHIELD, *Speaker.*

In Senate, April 30, 1849.

Passed to be enacted.

JOSEPH BELL, *President.*

April 30, 1849. Approved.

GEORGE N. BRIGGS.

Secretary's Office, Boston, May 31, 1849.

I certify the within to be a true copy of the original act.

WM. B. CALHOUN, *Secretary of the Commonwealth.*



# FIRST

# ANNUAL REPORT.

JANUARY, 1851.

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THE Managers of 'The Association for the relief of Aged Indigent Females,' in submitting this their First Annual Report, deem it unnecessary to enter into a detailed explanation of the objects of the Association, as they have within a few months been fully set forth by the issue of circulars, and by a printed copy of the address of their President, delivered at the opening of the Home in May last.

At a meeting of the Board of Managers, held in November, 1849, it was found that the amount raised by subscription was sufficient to warrant a trial of the Institution upon a limited scale, and a committee was appointed with powers to procure and furnish a suitable building. That committee accordingly hired the house numbered 36, on Charles-street, on a lease of five years from April 1st, 1850.



The house was furnished in part from the funds of the Association, and the remainder by the donations of benevolent individuals. On the 1st of May was opened by the performance of religious services and by an address from the President.

Eight months have now elapsed, and we have yet seen no reason to regret the course which the goodness of our cause, and our trust in Providence to its final success induced us to adopt. On the contrary, our hopes have been more than realized as to the practicability of the plan, and as to the share of favor with which it has been received by those who have been witnesses to its operations. During this time, seventeen applicants have been admitted. One of the inmates, Miss Pamela Brown, was quite infirm when she entered, and died after a residence of five weeks. Two have been withdrawn by their friends, and there now remain therefore fourteen, whose average age is 72. Of these, four are boarders, who pay a stipulated price per week; the remainder are pensioners, who, having conformed to the regulations of the Association by paying the required premium of one hundred dollars, are thereby entitled to a home for life.

The state of health thus far has been very satisfactory. According to the report of the attending physician, the

has been less sickness than might reasonably have been expected, taking into consideration the age and infirmities of those under his charge. And, as a general rule, those who have been admitted have rather improved than otherwise in their health ; owing, no doubt, to their regular and systematic course of life, and to the superior comforts of their new abode compared with that from which they have been removed. In this connection we would not undervalue the services of Dr. Thayer, as contributing to so favorable a result ; and we would here express our acknowledgements for his kind attentions to those who have needed his services.

We have to mourn the loss of Mrs. Andrews, our late Matron, who died on the 15th of October last, after an illness of but fifteen hours. She was called away in the midst of her useful labors, after a life of more than common vicissitude and toil. She was known to many of us, before taking charge of the Home, in connection with other charitable institutions. We feel that we have suffered a severe loss by her death, as she was ever faithful and prompt in the discharge of her duty, and watchful of the interests of those entrusted to her care. She has left behind her an example of perseverance under difficulties, and fidelity to her trusts, worthy of all praise and imitation.

The vacancy, occasioned by the death of Mrs. Andrews, has been filled by the election of Mrs. Abigail Ramsay, who has brought ample testimonials as to her fitness for the discharge of her duties, and we have every reason to feel confidence in the wisdom of our choice, if we may be permitted to judge from the general tone of contentment and good order pervading the Institution.

Weekly religious services have been regularly performed on Sunday, by clergymen of the different denominations. They have generally been well attended by the inmates, as well as by persons residing in the neighborhood.

During the last summer, there was a revision of our By-Laws, into the details of which it is not necessary to enter in this report. The most important change was that which provides for the appointment of an Executive Committee, to which is entrusted the general direction of the Home, between the regular quarterly meetings of the Board of Managers, thereby obviating the necessity of calling together so frequently the large number of members composing the Board.

The report of the Treasurer shows the receipts from all sources to have been \$4802,59. The expenditures \$2797,23, leaving a balance of 2005,36. Of this

amount nearly \$700 were for improvements and repairs on the house. After deducting expenses for furnishing, and other items which would not occur again, the actual outlays for the support of the Home may be estimated at the rate of \$2200 per annum. This sum, it is thought, will nearly suffice for the present year.

We have the grateful task of announcing an important addition to our future means of usefulness, which we hail with the more satisfaction as it is the first of many liberal acts which we trust the records of our Association shall show, when we shall become more known as the faithful almoners of a discriminating public.

Miss Caroline Doane, who died in this city during the past year, devised to us, as residuary legatees, the sum of five thousand dollars, for the promotion of the objects of our Association. We would render to the memory of that lady the tribute of respect so justly due for so noble an act of beneficence. She was not permitted to witness the practical working of our undertaking, but her far-seeing philanthropy appreciated the merits of the plan, and exhibited a confidence in its success, which we trust may inspire others to go and do likewise.

Mr. Seth Wells, the nephew and one of the heirs of

Miss Doane, died soon after that lady, and, influenced no doubt by the predilections of his lamented aunt, as well as by his own appreciation of the benefits to be derived from the establishment of our Institution, bequeathed to us, subject to a life interest of two of his own kindred, a house and other property of the estimated value of \$10,000.

This is to constitute a fund, called 'the Doane Fund;' the income of which is to be devoted to the gratuitous support of a most deserving class, the Nurses of our city. After spending the best of their days in the alleviation of the sufferings of others, those, who have not been so fortunate as to provide for the support of their declining years, can look to us for a home, and for that care and sympathy which they as a class so richly merit.


During the visit of Miss Jenny Lind to this city, she gave a public concert, the proceeds of which she devoted to charitable purposes. A committee was appointed to distribute the amount received in such sums and to such institutions as they might think most deserving, or most in need of aid. By that committee, one thousand dollars were awarded to our Association, and we appreciate the donation not more highly for the relief which it affords to our actual wants, than to the fact that the award thus made by such a committee is a valuable testimonial of their

confidence in the undertaking, and cannot fail as such to have its due effect upon the minds of those who are seeking worthy objects on which to bestow their bounty.

To Miss Lind the mere expression of thanks does not in any measure convey our feelings of gratitude for her benefaction. This and other lands have too long been filled with the echoes of her praise, which her daily acts of liberality have called forth, to need our public testimony to the reality of her benevolence, or to the substantial sympathy which she so habitually extends to those who need her aid.

We have also the satisfaction of announcing, that the City has devoted to our use four lots of land on Rutland street, measuring about one hundred feet in breadth by one hundred in depth. It has given us great pleasure to witness the unanimity with which the grant was made, and we have a firm belief that time will show the act to have been warranted as well by sound policy as by feelings of humanity.

To our patrons and friends would we tender our thanks for their donations both of money and of articles for the use of the Home. As the best reward for their kindness, we would ask them to visit the inmates, and witness the happiness and comfort which their benefactions have helped to produce.



The rapid growth of our city, and the increasing number of applicants for admission, show us that we must seek another and a larger habitation, if we wish to meet the wants of the class whom we are particularly interested in benefitting. The cities of New York and Philadelphia have already demonstrated to us the practicability of Institutions like our own. That in New York has been in operation thirty-six years. Their last report shows the number of inmates to have been eighty-five. During the year they have received several important donations, thereby enabling them to renew and improve their building.

The Institution in Philadelphia has been in operation thirty-five years, and now numbers sixty inmates. These Institutions are regarded in these cities as permanent, and as firmly established as their hospitals or other asylums. Whenever there is a call among us for the relief of suffering, or for the promotion of any good public object, we know that Boston liberality does not fall behind that of her sister cities ; and with the knowledge of that fact do we appeal to the public, with full faith that our object will be accomplished.

Our Home is nearly filled, and still there are many in the decline of life, widowed and friendless, who look to us with the feelings with which the sailor looks for the harbor, when his ship has been shattered by a

and tempestuous voyage. Shall we then be able  
 ord such a harbor, where, after the storms and  
 les of life, the aged and forsaken shall find a  
 ful home, in which to spend the evening of  
 days ?

the benevolent of our fellow-citizens do we look  
 reply ; and we have a firm belief, that, ere long,  
 answer to our own question, we shall be per-  
 d to point to an edifice which shall be a refuge  
 e aged and indigent, as well as an ornament to  
 ity.

WM. R. LAWRENCE.

A. S. BIGELOW.

MATILDA GODDARD.

ARTEMAS SIMONDS.

CHARLES F. BARNARD.

*Committee.*





# BY-LAWS.

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## MEMBERSHIP.

ARTICLE 1. The corporation shall be composed of persons named in the Act of Incorporation ; of all persons who have been or may be Managers ; of such persons as have been or may be, at any legal meeting of the Corporation, nominated and elected members by ballot ; and of such persons as shall give to the Association, at any one time, one hundred dollars and upwards, or any article or property of the value of one hundred dollars and upwards, or who shall annually contribute and pay to the Corporation a sum not less than three dollars ; and each member shall be entitled to one vote.

## OFFICERS.

ARTICLE 2. The Officers of the Corporation, under the name of a *Board of Managers*, shall consist of a President, four Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, Secretary, and not more than thirty other members, twelve of whom may be females. They shall be chosen by ballot at the first meeting, and subsequently at each annual meeting.

meeting and all Officers except those first chosen shall hold their offices for one year, and until others shall be chosen and qualified in their stead.

#### ANNUAL MEETINGS.

ART. 3. The annual meeting of the Corporation shall be held on the second Thursday of January in every year, at such place and hour as the Board of Managers shall direct.

#### SPECIAL MEETINGS.

ART. 4. The Board of Managers may call Special Meetings of the Corporation whenever, in their opinion, it is expedient; and it shall be their duty to call them whenever requested to do so, in writing, by three members.

#### NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

ART. 5. Notice of Annual and all other Meeting shall be given by the Secretary in one or more newspapers printed in Boston, at least seven days previous to the day of meeting. But any meeting may be continued by adjournment from time to time, until the business thereof shall be accomplished; the Secretary giving at least one day's notice of the time and place of said adjournment, in a newspaper printed in Boston.

#### HOME AND INMATES.

ART. 6. A suitable building or buildings, to be known as the Home for Aged Females, shall be provided for the reception of "aged indigent Females," in

to which shall be admitted such persons coming under the above description, as the Board of Managers, or their authorized Committees, shall, from time to time, determine to be fit subjects therefor ; and on such terms and conditions as they shall deem proper.

#### MEETINGS OF BOARD OF MANAGERS.

**ART. 7.** A regular quarterly meeting of the Board shall be held on the third Thursday of January, April, July, and October in each year, at such place and hour as they shall direct ; and special meetings may be called at any time by the written order of the President, or upon that of any three members of the Board.

Seven members, present at any meeting of the Board, shall constitute a quorum ; and all questions which shall come before the Board shall be determined by a majority of the Managers present and voting thereon, except on such matters as shall be specially ordered otherwise by the Managers in their printed rules and regulations.

The Board are authorized to fill, for the remainder of the current year, all vacancies in the Board, or in any of the other offices.

#### PRESIDING OFFICER.

**ART. 8.** The President shall preside at all meetings, and, in his absence, the senior Vice President, or the senior member of the Board present, shall preside.

**TREASURER.**

**ART. 9.** The Treasurer shall give bonds with sureties, to be approved by a Committee of the Board of Managers, in such sum as the Board may from time to time determine, for the faithful discharge of his duties. He shall receive and have the custody of all moneys, bonds, notes, deeds, and other securities belonging to the Corporation, which he shall keep and manage, under the direction and control of the Board of Managers, or of their Committees appointed for the purpose. He shall pay no moneys but by order of the Board of Managers, or their Committees, duly authorized by the Board to draw on him therefor, except for the regular salaries of the officers and duly appointed employees or servants of the Association. He shall render an account of his books, and of the funds and property of the Association in his keeping, when called upon by the Board of Managers or Corporation ; and shall make up his accounts to the last of December in each year, and lay the same before the Corporation at their annual meeting. On the payment, when due, of any debt secured by mortgage, the Treasurer is authorized to acknowledge satisfaction thereof, and discharge the same on the margin of the record.

**CLERK.**

**ART. 10.** The Clerk shall notify and attend all meetings of the Corporation and of the Board of Managers, and shall keep a distinct record of the doings of each.

## BOARD OF MANAGERS.

**ART. 11.** The Board of Managers shall have the entire government and control of the Home, and of the general business and property of the Association. They may choose Committees, from their own members to perform the duties required of them, and, during the intervals of their meetings, may act by a general executive Committee. They shall have the power to enter into and bind the Corporation by such compacts as they may deem advantageous; to appoint annually, or otherwise, all proper and necessary officers, assistants, and servants, for the superintendence and management of the Home, with such salaries and allowances as they may, from time to time, fix and determine; to make all such rules and regulations for the government of such officers, assistants, and servants, and for the admission of inmates, and the well ordering and conducting of the respective departments of the Home, as to them may seem proper and expedient, and cause the same to be faithfully executed:—*Provided*, however, that the said rules and regulations shall at all times be subject to be altered or amended by the Corporation, at their annual meeting, or at any legal meeting specially called for the purpose. They shall have full power to take any measures which they may deem expedient for encouraging subscriptions, donations, and bequests to the Corporation. They shall manage, invest, and dispose of the property of the Asso-

ciation, and shall receive and collect donations and bequests; but no sale or transfer of any of the property, and no payment of money from the treasury, shall be made without their order, or that of a committee duly authorized by them, except the salaries of the superintendent, officers, and employees of the Association. They shall likewise have power to petition the Legislature for any grants or privileges, and for such amendments and alterations and additions to their Act of Incorporation as they may deem advisable. They shall take charge of and watch over the general interests of the Association, and apply the subscriptions, funds, and estate of the Association, with care and fidelity, to the purposes of the Home, and the well-being of the Association. They shall cause a fair record of all their doings to be kept, which shall be laid before the Corporation at every meeting thereof; and, at every annual meeting, they shall make a written report on the Treasurer's accounts, and on the general state of the Home, comprising a statement of the number of inmates at the commencement of the year, number admitted, died, left, or discharged, and number remaining, and an account of the receipts and expenditures of each department; and for this purpose they shall, at some previous meeting, appoint a committee of their own number.

## DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS.

12. All sums received by the Association as donations or bequests, unless the donor or testator shall otherwise prescribe, and all collections, including the voluntary subscriptions, may be applied to the current expenses of the institution, or to increase the permanent fund at the discretion of the Board of Managers.

## RULES AND BY-LAWS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

13. The Board of Managers shall have authority to establish any Rules and By-Laws for the regulation of the proceedings of said Board, and the affairs of the Society, and the entire regulation and management of the Home and its officers, assistants, and servants, not repugnant to the Laws of the Commonwealth, or the By-Laws and Orders of the Corporation.

14. Any Amendment in these By-Laws, proposed at a legal meeting of the Corporation, may be adopted at a subsequent meeting, and not otherwise.





## R U L E S

### FOR THE REGULATION OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HOME.

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#### ORDER OF PROCEEDING.

ARTICLE 1. The meetings of the Board shall be called to order within ten minutes of the hour named, and shall commence with the Clerk's reading the minutes of the preceding meeting; reports of Committees shall then be received, and, if not presented, must be asked for by the presiding officer;—after which, unfinished business shall be called up and any new business brought forward.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

ART. 2. At the first meeting of the Board after the annual meeting in January, the following named Standing Committees shall be appointed, viz.—An Executive Committee, a Committee on Supplies, a Committee on Admissions, a Committee on Finance, a Visiting Committee, a Committee on Supplying Religious Instruction,—and such others as the Board may deem expedient. If from any cause, either of said Committees

shall not have been chosen at said meeting, it may be appointed at any subsequent one.

#### CHAIRMAN AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

ART. 3. The first named member on a Committee shall preside over it, give notice of the time and place of meeting, and make the report of their proceedings; and all reports of Committees shall be in writing, to be placed among the documents of the Association.

#### ON MOTIONS.

ART. 4. Every motion, when made, shall be stated from the Chair, and upon being seconded, the presiding officer shall ask if the members are ready for the question, which being assented to, the vote shall be taken. No other business shall be taken up by the Board, or discussed by any of the members, until that which has thus been laid before them be decided or postponed. Any member making a motion shall, at the request of any other member, present the same in writing.

#### AMENDMENTS.

ART. 5. An amendment may be made to any motion, and shall be decided before the original motion; but, during debate, no motion shall be received, unless it be to adjourn,—to lie on the table,—the previous question,—to postpone, either indefinitely or to a certain day,—to commit,—or amend; which motions shall take precedence in the order here named, except that a motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

## ON RECONSIDERATION.

**ART. 6.** No former vote shall be reconsidered, unless the reconsideration be called for on the day it was passed, or at the next regular meeting, by one of the majority; and, in the latter case, the motion shall be entered on the records, and lie over for consideration at the next regular or special meeting.

## POSTPONEMENT.

**ART. 7.** At the desire of any member of the Board, the decision of a new question shall be postponed to the meeting succeeding that at which it is proposed.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

**ART. 8.** The Executive Committee shall have the general charge of the affairs of the Institution during the interval between the regular quarterly meetings of the Board, and act in their behalf.

## COMMITTEE ON SUPPLIES.

**ART. 9.** The Committee on Supplies shall make, or authorize, all purchases necessary for the family and the general welfare of the inmates of the Home; they shall receive and enter in a book all donations of articles made to the Association, appropriate the same for the best interests, and present a quarterly account of their proceedings to the Board.

## COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS.

**ART. 10.** It shall be the duty of the Committee for receiving applications for admission to visit the applicants and inquire into their circumstances and char-

acter, and make a full report to the Board in writing of all the material facts relating to each case. The Board, in all cases, shall alone decide upon the admission of applicants. It shall also be the duty of this Committee to keep a register, in which shall be entered the names of all applicants, their respective ages, places of birth and residence ; the persons by whom they are recommended ; the date of their application, the time and terms of their admission ; and such other facts as they may deem important. No person will be admitted into the Home as an inmate, without a recommendation from this Committee, nor except on their order.

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

ART. 11. The Committee on Finance shall assist the Treasurer in procuring funds, and advise in the disposition of the same for the best interests of the Association ; they shall examine and approve all bills before payment by the Treasurer, except those for the salaries and wages of the regular officers and employees of the Home. They shall also have authority, and it shall be a part of their duty, to solicit donations of money, or other useful articles, from those who are benevolently disposed.

#### VISITING COMMITTEE.

ART. 12. The Visiting Committee shall visit the Home not less than once a week ; and it shall be their duty to see all the inmates in their several rooms, inquire into their temporal and spiritual welfare, and

give such encouragement and advice as may be in their power, or the circumstances of each case may seem to require. This Committee shall generally direct the concerns of the family, and enter the day and time of their visits, with such observations as they may deem useful, in a minute book, which is to be kept at the Home; and, on the last day of their term of service, they shall notify the members who are to succeed them in visiting.

COMMITTEE ON SUPPLYING RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

ART. 13. The Committee on Supplying Religious Instruction shall have the general superintendence of this important concern. They shall, as far as practicable, have the Home supplied with preaching on every Sabbath, once or twice. They shall also, from time to time make such regulations as may appear to them proper and desirable, with respect to prayer, or any other religious meetings. The whole duty of supplying the Home with the preaching of the Gospel shall devolve upon this Committee, which they will be expected carefully and conscientiously to discharge. Any minister, properly authorized as a preacher of the Gospel, shall be cordially received; but the other members of the Board of Managers will be required to communicate with this Committee and obtain their consent, previously to introducing any one into the Home as a religious instructor. The Committee shall give verbal instructions to the Matron how to act in their absence, in relation to this subject.

## TREASURER AND SECRETARY.

ART. 14. The Treasurer and Secretary may employ such assistance as may be necessary in their respective departments, at the expense of the Association.

## MATRON.

ART. 15. The Matron, under the direction of the Visiting Committee, shall have charge of the house. She shall enforce the rules and regulations of the Managers, and, with the approbation of said Committee, make and carry out such other rules and regulations as may be required for the proper and successful conduct of its domestic concerns. Order, neatness, and good conduct will be expected to prevail in every part of the establishment. She shall be present at meals ; see that they are properly served up ; that every thing is on the table before the family sit down ; that suitable food is provided for the sick, proper order observed at table, and a blessing asked before each meal.

She shall, at all times, maintain the respect due to her station, and by her kindness, attention and judicious treatment, endeavor to gain the esteem and secure the comfort and happiness of all those who are under her care. If improper conduct is observed in any member of the family, she shall, after the first offence, report the same to the Visiting Committee.

She shall keep a book which shall contain a list of all furniture, linen, and other articles belonging to the house ; and, when presents are made to the Institution,

the names of the parties making them shall be entered also.

It shall be her duty to go through the house, and see that all unnecessary fires and lights are extinguished, before ten o'clock at night.

#### TERMS OF ADMISSION.

ART. 16. SECT. 1. No persons shall be admitted into the Home but those who have resided in Boston during the ten years preceding their application for admission, and bring satisfactory testimonials of the respectability of their character and the propriety of their conduct, unless by the unanimous vote of all the Managers present, the number present being not less than fifteen.

SECT. 2. Persons under sixty years of age shall not be admitted, either as boarders or pensioners, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the whole number of Managers.

SECT. 3. The Board of Managers, may, by vote, admit inmates on such terms as the pecuniary condition of the Association, or the circumstances of any particular case, may seem to demand. For the present, it will be required, as a general rule, that one hundred dollars and the furniture of a room, including a good bedstead, (an iron one if possible,) bed, bedding, and other necessities, shall be furnished before any one is admitted permanently, or for life. In no case, however, will a proposition to pay this, or any other sum, be considered, by itself, as conferring a right upon the person making it to send any individual to the Institu-



tion, either permanently or temporarily ; the Society intending to reserve to itself, in all cases, the exclusive right to admit or reject persons who may desire to become inmates.

SECT. 4. Persons may occasionally be admitted as boarders, though not to the exclusion of those who are entirely dependent ; and they will be required to give satisfactory security for the regular payment of their board, and to conform, like the other inmates, to the rules and regulations of the house.

SECT. 5. Furniture and other articles brought into the House by or for permanent inmates, are to remain for the benefit of the Association.

SECT. 6. When inmates are pensioners of any benevolent Institution or Society, it is expected that their pensions will be continued, in order to lessen the expenses incurred by the Institution in their support.

SECT. 7. Inmates who have property will be required to secure the same to the Association before admission ; and, in case of their obtaining property after their admission, it will be necessary to make it over to the Association, if they continue to remain in the Home.

#### INMATES.

ART. 17. SECT. 1 The inmates will, at all times, be required to treat the Managers and the Matron with deference and respect, and to pay strict attention to all rules and regulations for the government of the Institution. They will also endeavor, by a quiet, gentle and lady-like deportment, to diffuse an air of cheerful-

ness and good feeling through the whole establishment, and by acts of kindness and forbearance to gain the esteem and promote the comfort and happiness of each other.

**SECT. 2** Every inmate, except in case of sickness, will be expected punctually to attend family prayers, notice of which shall be given by ringing a bell.

**SECT. 3.** Those who are able, will be required to make their own beds and sweep their own rooms every morning, and to assist those who are unable to do the same. They will also be expected to sew, knit, assist in domestic duties, and, generally, to render all the services they can for the benefit of the Institution and the comfort of those who are still more helpless than themselves.

**SECT. 4.** A general table will be provided for the inmates, at which all who are able will be expected to attend. If indisposed, a suitable meal will be prepared and sent to their rooms. Simple and wholesome food, of such kind as the Matron, with the approbation of the Managers, shall direct, shall be furnished for each meal. The hour of meals shall, from time to time, be designated by the Visiting Committee.

**SECT. 5.** No intoxicating drinks or strong stimulant shall be used in the Home, except by order of the physician; and, in such case, they must be administered by the Matron.

**SECT. 6.** Washing and ironing shall, if practicable, be done on Mondays and Tuesdays of each week.

SECT. 7. All that is necessary for the comfortable support of the inmates of the Home will be provided from the funds of the Association ; no individual, therefore, will, on any account, be permitted to leave the Institution to solicit assistance, or procure work, unless by the special permission of the Visiting Committee.

SECT. 8. No person will be permitted to interfere or find fault with the Matron ; but, if any one has cause for complaint, application must be made to the Visiting Committee, who will receive any statement, and take such order thereon as they may think proper.

SECT. 9. To preserve order and harmony in the family, entire obedience must be paid to all rules and regulations adopted for the government of the Institution ; and it will be the duty of the Matron kindly to admonish the inmates for any violation of the same. Should there be no amendment in the conduct of any one who has been thus admonished, the Matron shall prefer a complaint to the Visiting Committee, whose duty it shall then be to visit and gently reprove the individual. And if such procedure proves to be ineffectual, said Committee shall report the case to the Board, who may take such action thereon as the circumstances may seem to require. No vote of removal, however, from the Home shall be passed at any meeting, unless the intention to propose such a vote shall have been inserted in the notices calling the same.

SECT. 10. If any inmate desires to visit her friends, leave of absence must be obtained from the Matron,

Whom she shall inform of the place where she intends to stay and the probable length of her visit, in order that no uneasiness may exist on her account, and that, in case of sickness or accident, the Managers may know where she is to be found. The time of making visits, as well as their frequency, is left to the discretion of the Matron.

SECT. 11. The friends of inmates, and the public generally, may visit the Home on the afternoons of Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of each week, between the hours of two and five o'clock; but, at other times, a permit from a Manager will be required. In no case, however, will any one be allowed to visit the inmates, or go through the establishment, without first obtaining the consent of the Matron.

SECT. 12. Should any inmate find herself dissatisfied, or unhappy, she is at liberty to depart, taking with her such articles as belong to her. Should she leave within six months from her admission, the premium which has been paid on her account shall be returned, after deducting a moderate charge for board. But should any inmate prove disobedient or troublesome, the Managers reserve the right of dismissing her at any time.

#### AMENDMENTS.

ART. 18. These rules may be altered or amended at any legal meeting of the Board of Managers, provided that, in the notices calling said meeting, it shall have been stated that an amendment or alteration is to be made.

# ABSTRACT OF THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

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## RECEIPTS.

Samuel Appleton	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$1
William Appleton	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Nathan Appleton	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	:
George C. Shattuck	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Moses Grant	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Abbott Lawrence	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	:
William R. Lawrence	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	:
John Welles	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	:
Henry B. Rogers	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Ebenezer Francis	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Henry S. Waldo	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Charles Jackson	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Mrs. Hiram Grimes	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Mrs. Elizabeth Drake	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Mrs. George Hallett	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Lemuel Shaw	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Amos A. Lawrence	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Daniel Safford	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Leopold Herman	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
John C. Warren	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
John C. Gray	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Samuel A. Eliot	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Mrs. Abigail Thompson	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Miss M. W. Boardman	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Miss Caroline Doane	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

<b>Mrs.</b> Amasa Stetson, <i>Dorchester</i>	20
<b>Miss</b> Ann Oliver	20
J. H. Wolcott	20
Daniel E. Powars	20
Henry Plympton	20
Edmund Wright	20 & 20
James Lawrence	25
Friend	25

Also, various smaller sums, in annual subscriptions and donations, making in all \$ 4802 59

In addition to the above, various donations of furniture, provisions, &c.

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#### EXPENDITURES.

For blank Books	181 78
Repairs on the House	696 09
Furniture	434 00
Rent and Taxes	424 00
Salaries and Wages	269 37
Funeral expenses of late Matron	51 09
Supplies	740 90
	<u>2797 23</u>
Balance in the Treasury	2005 36
	<u>\$ 4802 59</u>

THOMAS TARBELL, *Treas'r.*

*December 31, 1850.*











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